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SUBJ: WEST BANK QUIET AS ISRAELIS ATTACK IN LEBANON

1. NEWS OF ISRAELI RETALIATION IN LEBANON HAS PROMPTED
ONLY MILD DEMONSTRATIONS SO FAR IN VARIOUS WEST BANK CITIES.
ACCORDING TO RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCES, STUDENTS IN NABLUS,
RAMALLAH AND HALHUL INITIATED STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
EARLY MARCH 15, BUT IDF EASILY SQUELCHED DISSENT. NO SERIOUS
INJURIES REPORTED; FEW, IF ANY, ARRESTS. HEBRON AND JERUSALEM
WERE QUIET.

2. ISRAELI ATTACK BROKE TOO LATE FOR ARABIC PRESS DEADLINES,
BUT ISRAELI RADIO CARRIED DETAILED REPORTS IN ARABIC.

3. COMMENT: PREVADING SENSE OF IMPOTENCE AMONG WEST BANK
PALESTINIANS MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT THEIR REACTION WILL
EXCEED SYMBOLIC SUPPORT AND PROTEST. RECENTLY, IDF HAS
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EFFECTIVELY SMOTHERED DISSENT BY HEAVY CENSORSHIP AND BY
RESORT TO PROMPT, FIRM-BUT NON-LETHAL-FORCE. AS HIKMAT AL-
MASRI TOLD CONSUL GENERAL AT LUNCH TODAY, WEST BANKERS DO
NOT BELIEVE THEY HAVE ANY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROTEST.

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